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Euro gains shrink as doubts on aid package linger

BRUSSELS, Belgium – The euro gave back most of its big gain Monday as markets weighed the costs of a massive rescue package designed to save Europe's shared currency

A \$1 trillion emergency package to stabilize the euro zone unleashed a spectacular rally in world stocks yesterday but the euro wiped out initial gains as worries about the region's debt problems persisted.

The rescue plan -- the biggest since G20 leaders threw money at the global economy following the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008 -- triggered the biggest one-day rise in European shares in 17 months after panic selling last week.

Wall Street also surged as confidence returned, at least temporarily. The Dow Jones Industrial average jumped 3.9 percent and the narrower Stan-

dard & Poor's financial share index was up 5.6 percent amid relief among banks.

Yields paid on Greece's 2year notes plunged to 8.7 percent from Friday's close of 22.4 percent as the plan reassured investors about the country's ability to service debt in the short term.

The package of standby funds and loan guarantees that could be tapped by euro zone governments shut out of credit markets, plus central bank liquidity measures and bond purchases to steady markets impressed financial analysts by its sheer scale.

But senior International Monetary Fund official Marek Belka said the emergency package was "morphine" for the markets and should not be regarded as a long-term solution.

In Iraq's bloodiest day this year, attacks kill 99

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – A man with explosives strapped to his belt blew himself up in a crowd, bombers struck a southern city and gunmen sprayed fire on security checkpoints in attacks yesterday that claimed nearly 100 lives — most of them in Shiite areas — in Iraq's deadliest day this year.

Officials were quick to blame insurgents linked to al-Qaida in Iraq for the shootings in the capital, saying the militants were redoubling efforts to destabilize the country at a time of political uncertainty over who will control the next government.

"Al-Qaida is trying to ... use some gaps created by some political problems," Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, spokesman for Baghdad's security operations center, told Arabiya TV. "There are well-known agendas for the terrorist groups operating in Iraq. Some of these groups are supported regionally and internationally with the aim of influencing the political and democratic process inside Iraq."

More than two months after the March 7 election, Iraq's main political factions are still struggling to put together a ruling coalition. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite bloc has tried to squeeze out election front-runner Ayad Allawi — a secular Shiite who was heavily backed by Sunnis — by forging an alliance last week with another religious Shiite coalition.

The union, which is just four seats short of a majority in parliament, will likely lead to four more years of a government dominated by Shiites, much like the current one.

Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman present at inauguration of Costa Rica President Laura Chinchilla

Laura Chinchilla was sworn in as Costa Rica's first female president amidst a recovering economy, growing tourism and improved relations with Honduras.

The 51-year-old Georgetown University graduate was inaugurated Saturday in a ceremony attended by dozens of leaders including the presidents of Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador and Georgia.

Chinchilla resigned as vice president last year to seek the presidency. She replaces her close associate Oscar Arias, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and a leading diplomat in Central America.

Chinchilla was joined by her husband, her parents and her 14-year-old son at the inauguration.

She is the third female president in Central America, after Violeta Chamorro of Nicaragua and Mireya Moscoso of Panama.

At the inauguration ceremony different Head of States were present, among them Rafael Correa of Ecuador, Felipe Calderon of Mexico, Porfirio Lobo of Honduras, Alvaro Uribe of Colombia and Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman who was representing the Dutch Kingdom and also Luxemburg. This was a perfect opportunity for Aruba's P.M. to meet with the different dignitaries of the neighboring countries, with which The Netherlands has very good diplomatic relations. The Minister held special talks with Venezuela's representative Vice-President of External Relations Francisco Arias Cardenas as well as President of Colombia Alvaro Uribe Velez. He also met with members of Costa Rica's new government.

Photos depict some of the moments during the inauguaration, and Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman congratulating Costa Rica's new President Laura Chinchilla.







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the oil at sea.

Authorities also planned to

BP sprays more chemicals into main Obama nominates Elena Gulf oil leak

ON THE GULF OF MEXICO - A remote-controlled submarine shot a chemical dispersant into the maw of a massive undersea oil leak yesterday, further evidence that authorities expect the gusher to keep erupting into the Gulf of Mexico for weeks or more.

Crews using the deep-sea robot attempted to thin the oil — which is rushing up from the seabed at a pace of about 210,000 gallons per day after getting approval from the Environmental Protection Agency, BP PLC officials said.

Two previous tests of the dispersant were done to determine the potential impact on the environment, and the third round of spraying began early yesterday and it will last 24

The EPA said in a statment the effects of the chemicals were still widely unknown.

BP engineers, casting about after an ice buildup thwarted their plan to siphon off most of the leak using a 100-ton containment box, pushed ahead with other potential short-term solutions, including using a smaller box and injecting the leak with junk to plug it. Chief operating officer Doug Suttles said they hope to have the smaller containment device in place by the end of the week.

However, none of these attempts has been tried so deep — about a mile down. Workers were simultaneously drilling a relief well, the solution considered most permanent, but that was to take up to three months.

At least 3.5 million gallons were believed to have leaked since an April 20 drilling rig blast killed 11. If the gusher continues unabated, it would surpass the Exxon Valdez disaster as the nation's worst spill by Father's Day.

The engineers appear to be "trying anything people can think of" to stop the leak, said

Kagan for the Supreme Ed Overton, a LSU professor

Court

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama nominated Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court yesterday, declaring the former Harvard Law School dean "one of the nation's foremost legal minds." She would be the court's youngest justice and give it three female members for the first time.

The nomination to replace liberal retiring Justice John Paul Stevens set the stage for a potentially bruising summertime confirmation battle before the court begins its next session, though mathematically Democrats should be able to prevail in the end.

At 50, Kagan is relatively young for the lifetime post and could help shape the high court's decisions for decades. If confirmed by the Senate, she would become only the fourth female justice in history.

Obama cited what he called Kagan's "openness to a broad array of viewpoints" and her



Elena Kagan

"fair mindedness."

Standing beside the president in the East Room of the White House, Kagan said she was "honored and humbled by this nomination.'

"I look forward to working with the Senate in the next stage of this process, and I thank you again, Mr. President, for this honor of a lifetime," she said.

UK's Gordon Brown to resign as prime minister



LONDON, England (AP) -British Prime Minister Gordon Brown made a dramatic bid to keep his beleaguered Labour Party in power after it was punished in elections last week, announcing yesterday he will resign by September at the latest even if the Liberal Democrats — being wooed by the Conservatives — decide to join his party in government.

The political theater, played out in front of the iconic black door of No. 10 Downing Street, comes as David Cameron's Conservatives which won the most seats in Parliament but fell short of a majority — struggled in their attempts to win over the thirdplace Liberal Democrats.

Brown's party has been willing to entertain supporting the Liberal Democrats' demand for an overhaul of the voting system toward proportional representation, which would greatly increase that party's future seat tallies. But evening brought a further twist with a counteroffer from the Conservatives — of a referendum on a less dramatic type of electoral reform.

fishing." Feds expand scrutiny of kids' jewelry

LOS ANGELES, California (AP) - Federal regulators announced another recall of children's iewelry with high levels of the toxic metal cadmium yesterday, also saying they've expanded their investigation in an effort to keep dangerous items off store shelves in the first place.

A spokesman for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said its inspectors at 10 of the nation's largest ports are now screening children's jewelry — typically imported from China — for cadmium.

Word of increased scrutiny came as the agency announced the voluntary recall of about 19.000 "Best Friends" charm bracelet sets made in China.

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AVP parliament members visit homes for the elderly on Mother's Day















Last Saturday, parliament members of the AVP political party visited the different nursing homes for the elderly on the island. They used the opportunity to congratulate all the mothers residing at the nursing homes. They enjoyed entertaining talks with the clients as well as the employees.

The parliament members also used the opportunity to see the living conditions of the nursing homes and to establish a closer contact with the clients. First they visited the San Pedro Pavilion, followed by Huize Maristela and finished at SABA San Nicolas.

Photos give an impression of the lively visits.



The weekly Bon Bini festival is tonight!

ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tomorrow night at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture

This weeks the festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgal. "Nos Ambiente," musical group; "Ola Tropical," Dance groups: "Mini Chaz Dancers," "Youth Chaz Dancers" and "The Super Dancers," solo singer: "Jose David," and steelband: "New Generation."

MC is Juby Naar

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and handicraft on sale.

Arubus has regularly scheduled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

Come, meet the islands, absorb some local color and culture, and get a taste of our Dushi Aruba.

The festival is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Entrance is 5 Aruban florin or \$3.

Caribbean Tourism minister wants action to protect region against impact of climate change

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados – One of the Caribbean's top tourism policy-makers has called for bold new initiatives to protect the region from the impact of climate change.

The Chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), Hon. John Maginley, said that strong, decisive action will help protect the region's invaluable natural as-

In an address at the opening of the 11th Annual Caribbean Conference on Sustainable Tourism Development (STC-11) here on Sunday night, Mr. Maginley also reminded delegates that, like other regions in the world, the Caribbean is vulnerable to natural disasters.

But he told the approximately 400 delegates gathered at the Lloyd Erskine Sandi ford Center for the event, the region must do all it can to mitigate

against the impact of these natural occurrences.

"We know what it's like to have to cope with storms. We know what it feels like to deal with periodic drought; and most recently, we have experienced the trauma of earthquakes here in our region, a phenomenon from which the People of Haiti are only now beginning to recover," the CTO chairman told the audience.

"With disasters like these the time is surely right to aggressively push for initiatives that protect and preserve our region's unmatched assets," he added.

Mr. Maginley also advised delegates that in addition to tackling these challenges, the Caribbean region must also pursue opportunities to ensure the industry remains competitive

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Air France jet may have turned before crash

PARIS, France (AP) – An Air France jet going from Rio de Janeiro to Paris may have turned around before it crashed last year, killing all 228 people aboard, officials said yesterday.

The head of the French accident investigation agency said the plane could be found by tomorrow.

Pinging signals from the plane's flight recorders detected in the Atlantic depths last year were analyzed last week with the aid of new technology that helped narrow down the search zone to what turned out to be an unexpected location.

Lead investigator Alain Bouillard said that if the plane is found in the zone where signals came from, then that would suggest that it turned around after reaching the position that it last reported to air traffic controllers.

"It's a probable hypothesis," he said. "The question is why?"

The head of the French ac-

cident investigation agency BEA, Jean-Paul Troadec, said that sonar specialists from French company Thales continued to study the data from the initial search efforts, when the black box recorders were still emitting pings.

Using the newly analyzed information, search efforts are concentrated on a zone 10 kilometers by 20 kilometers, two thirds of which has been explored.

Troadec said investigators will first try to find remains of the plane, and then look for the black boxes, without which the cause of the crash may never be known. Submarine drones are scouring the area, he said.

"It's a relief and gives us hope in the search for truth," said Robert Soulas, who lost his daughter and son-in-law on Flight 447 and is part of an association that represents victims' family members.

But both Troadec and Soulas said they were being "prudent" and not jumping to any conclusions.

Pope finishes second book on Jesus Christ

VATICAN CITY (AP)— The Vatican says Pope Benedict XVI has finished writing the second installment on the life of Jesus Christ, though it will be several months before the volume hits bookstores.

A Vatican statement yesterday said the work focuses on the passion and resurrection of Jesus.

The first installment, which offered a personal meditation on the life and teachings of Jesus, went on sale in 2007 and

became a best-seller.

The Vatican says the new text has been given to both a publisher in Germany and the official Vatican publisher, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, which will provide other publishers with the text for translation from the pope's original German.

The book's release will take a few months because the Vatican says it wants simultaneous release in the main languages.

Hair to combat Louisiana oil spill



A New Orleans Ritz Carlton hotel staff member shows human hair that has been stuffed into nylon stockings. The plan is to use the hair to help soak up the oil that has be- gun to wash ashore on the US Gulf Coast.

Local hairdressers are sweeping clean hair snippings into plastic bags to send to the Gulf of Mexico, where they will be made into oil containment booms— an effort they hope will help soak up the massive spill that is spreading toward the Mississippi Louisiana coastline.

Have you had your breakfast today?

The Old Fisherman offers breakfast with an Aruban twist



Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a gold-mine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan bati" nicely presented to soup of the day accompanied by delicious deserts.

Now they are serving you breakfast with an Aruban twist at bargain prizes.

Monica and Amarilis who have been with the company for ten years are ready to serve you with a smile.

Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs sunny side up with ham and cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese, smoked salmon or boiled eggs.

If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something from the local breakfast menu served on pan grandi (rama) or a baguette. You can try the delicious kerrie-kerrie (a typical Aruban flaked fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, fish fillet, fish cake and the chicken soup or you can have fruit salad and yoghurt.

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R-I, Monica and Amarilis with their fellow colleagues





be you are assured that at the Old Fisherman there is a dish

on the menu for you at breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Photographic style of animation debuts at Tribeca



"Metropia" is a new kind of animated film that could fool actors into believing that they're watching live actors. The creators of the film take photographs, mix and matches parts and then allow the still images to move.

"What we wanted to do was create something almost like a moving painting," says Tarik Saleh, the director of "Metropia." "We had very experienced animators come in, but they had never worked with this technique, because we developed it. So it took a month of training before they could even animate a frame."

From conception to release, "Metropia" took about six years to make. The movie's creators say the software they used is a common animation tool that any movie maker has access to. What they did differently was use a very old, almost outdated software plug-in, and then manipulated and updated that plug-in to suit their needs.

"The only way I could explain it simple is to say we take, like, two-dimensional puppets that we then manipulate," says Saleh. "For example, if I would be the main

character, Roger, we would deform my head to create the illusion of me turning and then moving the ears in different speeds, moving the nose and eyes in different speeds and the mouth to create the illusion of me moving. The eyes are built out of, I think, 20 layers."

For many of the real-world actors involved, it's the unique look that piqued their interest.

"That's what drew me to the project, is that the animation style has real human eyes mixed with animated stuff," says actress Juliette Lewis. "It's very strange and eerie, but there's a frailty to the characters."

She co-stars with Vincent Gallo; they are the voices of Roger and Nina.

Metropia is not entirely successful -- the technique is somewhat distancing, and the film takes entirely too long to get cooking. But it holds your interest, which is never to be taken for granted.

"Metropia" is playing now in just a few select theaters in New York and Los Angeles, and it is one of the films available via the movies on demand channel.

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Aruba and Love is lovelier the second time around for Susie and Shawn

In April of 2009, Shawn La Rue and Susie Jairdullo vacationed for 10 days on Aruba, splitting their time equally between the Renaissance Resort in Oranjestad and the Divi/ Tamarijn Mega All-Inclusive Resort. They had been together for four years, keeping their relationship secret the first two, as they both worked in the same department of Hewlett Packard in New Jersey. "HP is pretty strict about dating fellow workers; we knew one manager keeping his marriage to another employee under wraps," explains Shawn.

"All the time, when I would go to the dining area to prepare my lunch, I would find my things hidden away in the refrigerator," recalls Susie, "I would have to spend a lot of time searching for my stuff; they were always tucked away far behind everyone else's. While I was doing that, Shawn would be standing patiently behind me, and he would strike up a conversation."

"I didn't do it!" protest Shawn, however, he certainly reaped the benefit. The result was a solid love they kept hidden from co-workers, coming in different entrances in the mornings and assiduously avoiding talking to each other during the work day. "We might have overdone it a bit; I think everyone figured it out, anyway."

The secrecy ended when Susie last her job with HP as the global financial crisis started to hit; Shawn also fell victim to the crunch when they returned from the vacation in Aruba to discover he was also laid off. Fortunately, they were both able to find jobs quickly, and working in different places allowed them to "come out of the closet."

They returned to Aruba for five days this past Saturday to plan their wedding, as that first vacation included a surprise sunset proposal while taking a walk on the beach. Shawn had it all planned from the beginning; he came with the ring he bought in the States, and left Susie very puzzled by his strange behavior through much of their trip. "First, when we came to the security checkpoint on our way to Aruba, he disappears on me," she recalls. had the ring in my carry on, and I didn't want her to see it if the security people made me take it out," he explains.

A trip to a jewelry store in town left both Susie and the proprietor sadly disappointed; Shawn asked her to pick out which ring she liked best, but he steadfastly refused to purchase it, no matter what kind of deal



the shopkeeper was willing to offer. "I just wanted to be sure she would like the one I bought," he explains again, "and actually, it was pretty much the exact one, so I made a good choice."

Finally, towards the end of their vacation, Shawn left Susie in a total state of confusion. "We were walking along on the beach and suddenly, he wasn't there. I turn around, and there he is kneeling down on the sand, and I thought perhaps he had dropped something?

The next thing I know, he is proposing. The funny thing is all I could thing about was "when did he have time to go back and get that ring." They are both very pleased that he popped the question on Aruba, as they simultaneously had found the perfect place to hold the wedding. "We always wanted to be married on a beach somewhere; we were thinking Turks and Caicos or Key West, as it would be more convenient for our friends and family to attend, but it only took one time on Aruba to know this was the place. No where else have we ever felt as welcome and at ease; everyone we meet is so hospitable, we feel like we are home. We immediately our wedding date,



10/10/10 at the La Vista Terrace in the Marriott resort in Palm Beach. All our guests are so excited about combining our wedding with a vacation on Aruba. It will be a first time for pretty much all of them, but they can't wait after all the good things they have heard about the island."

A photographer from THE MORNING NEWS caught Shawn and Susie reenacting that precious moment when he got down on one knee and offered her the ring. When asked if it is still just as exciting the second time around, she replied, "Are you kidding? Being in Paradise and having the man I love ask me to spend the rest of my life with him? That NEVER gets old!"



Science/ Tech.

How hand-washing helps ease your mind



So that's why Pontius Pilate washed his hands - it can help ease niggling doubts about decisions

If you have made a difficult decision and want to stick to it, go and wash your hands

A study has revealed that hand washing, long associated with absolving the mind of guilt, can also erase any doubts about everyday choices.

The latest research, reported in the journal Science, looked at whether the phenomenon extends to decisions with little or no moral implications by asking a set of volunteers to pick between two CDs or two jams.

Scientists found the 40 volunteers were less likely to try to justify their choice if they washed their hands just after making it.

University of Michigan researcher Spike Lee said that hand washing appears to erase doubts, 'wiping the slate clean'

He added: 'When people

make decisions, they are often faced with choosing between two very attractive op-

'Let's say they are choosing a vacation spot - Paris or Rome. After choosing, let's say, Paris, they justify their choice by thinking to themselves it is the right one because French cuisine is better and the art museums are fantastic.

They are justifying their choice by focusing on the positive features.

'What our study showed was that after people washed their hands they no longer felt they had to justify their choice

Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth (here Helen Baxendale) attempted to wash away her guilt after committing murder

'They had washed away the compulsion to justify the choice they had made.' The researchers added: 'It's not just that washing your hands contributes to moral cleanliness as well as physical cleanliness.

'Our studies show that washing also reduces the influence of past behaviours and decisions that have no moral implications whatsoever.'

Previous research by the team has established a link between washing hands and the absolving of guilt. The idea that it is possible to wash away our sins is deep rooted in many cultures and religions, including Christianity.

Water is a cornerstone of baptism ceremonies and, in the Bible, Pontius Pilate washed his hands after condemning Jesus to death.

Shakespeare also subscribed to the idea, making Lady Macbeth attempt to wash away her guilt of plotting King Duncan's murder.

But it took scientists until 2006 to show that the theory holds water.

A team at the University of Toronto asked volunteers to either dwell on something they were ashamed of having done or think happy thoughts. They were then asked to play a word game and given a choice of a free gift.

Those recalling an unethical deed were more likely to pick the words 'soap' and 'shower' in the word game. Similarly, guilty thoughts led to an antiseptic wipe proving more popular as a gift than a pencil.

The research team concluded that the areas of the brain that deal with physical cleanliness likely overlap with those that process psychological purity.

Gamblers' Brains See 'Near Misses' as Wins

Problem gamblers have a stronger response in the reward section of their brains to so-called "near misses" than do people who only gamble casually, a new study finds. The results might explain why gamblers have such a hard time pulling themselves away from the slots, the researchers say.

A near miss is a situation in which a gambler appears to have fallen just short of the jackpot, such as when the spinning slot machine wheels land on two cherries and a lemon. In reality, it is no different from a regular loss.

The findings add weight to the idea that gambling targets some of the same brain systems known to play a role in chemical addictions to drugs, according to study researcher Luke Clark of the University of Cambridge. Specifically, Clark suggests near misses activate the release of dopamine, a brain chemical involved in the reward response to everything from chocolate to cocaine.

"We know that all drugs of abuse target the dopamine system and that mechanism is thought to be crucial for the addictive properties of these drugs," Clark said. "[The finding] strengthens the links between problem gambling and drug addiction."

UN: new group helps promote broadband

GENEVA – The International Telecommunication Union has set up a group headed by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim and Rwandan President Paul Kagame to help more countries get access to broadband connections.

The ITU says the group of

30 business and social leaders will work out strategies on how to achieve worldwide coverage of broadband networks and how to use them for health care services, education and environmental management.

The agency said Monday that governments should con-

sider the high-speed networks as basic infrastructure.

Broadband access has increased in particular for mobile phones in recent years. The ITU said it expects the number of mobile broadband subscriptions worldwide to exceed 1 billion this year.



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Wi-Fi to come in a much faster, short-range flavor



NEW YORK (AP) – The industry group that supports Wi-Fi is adopting a new technology that should boost data speeds more than 10 times at short distances, which could replace video cables in the home entertainment center.

The Wi-Fi Alliance said it is joining up with the Wireless Gigabit Alliance, or WiGig, which has been developing ways to exploit the 60 gigahertz frequency band for extremely high data speeds between devices in the same room.

The technology will probably take two years to show up in products, said Wi-Fi Alliance marketing director Kelly Davis-Felner. The first ones might be Blu-ray players that can send their high-definition video signal wirelessly to compatible TV sets. Later, portable devices such as video cameras could get the ability to send video wirelessly.

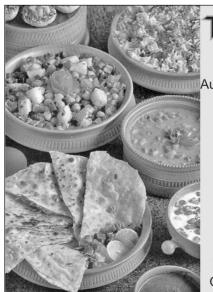
A separate group, the WirelessHD Consortium, has developed technology to exploit the same frequency band with the same aims.

WirelessHD is further along in development. It is used in some paired transmitters and receivers for HD video that came out last year. The focus of WirelessHD was originally narrower, only video and audio streaming, but it has recently expanded to include data networking, just like WiGig.

John Marshall, chairman of the WirelessHD Consortium, said its technology is more suitable for high-quality video streaming, and less suitable for use in portable devices.

It's possible the technologies will coexist. Several powerhouses of the computer and consumer electronics industry are members of both groups, including Intel Corp., Samsung Electronics Co., Panasonic Corp. and Toshiba Corp.

In addition to WirelessHD and WiGig, it's possible to carry video on today's Wi-Fi bands, 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz. That's a cheaper option with longer range, but the video quality is slightly degraded and there is a slight transmission delay.



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Are you really lactose intolerant?

If you've cut down on milk because you think your gut can't tolerate the sugar in it called lactose - you might be doing your health a disservice, a new study suggests.

Researchers found that in fact, more than half the patients who thought they couldn't digest lactose were mistaken. When they drank a lactose solution corresponding to an entire litre of milk in the lab, their gut absorbed the sugar normally and they experienced less cramping, gas and other bowel trouble than at home.

"There is extended belief among patients with abdominal symptoms that these are caused by lactose in dairy products," the Spanish researchers write in the journal Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

"Although one should think that symptom intensity has to be greater after a large lactose load than in daily life at home, our study shows just the opposite," they add.

Normal absorption of lactose

The ability to digest lactose depends on an enzyme in the gut called lactase. When there isn't enough of this enzyme, bacteria feast on the leftover sugar, producing lots of gasses in the process.

In contrast to this socalled lactose malabsorption or maldigestion, lactose intolerance refers to the symptoms - for instance, flatulence and stomach pain - that occur after ingesting lactose.

The new study adds to a body of evidence showing that perceived lactose intolerance may actually not be rooted in a biological inability to absorb the sugar.

It's not entirely clear why people who have no trouble digesting lactose would get symptoms. The Spanish researchers, from the Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron in Barcelona, speculate that some patients could be suffering from irritable bowel syndrome, which has similar symptoms.

Memory of over-consumption

Another possibility is that

the symptoms are linked to a memory of earlier over-consumption.

"Îf you did have an instance when you consumed too much, then you'd have symptoms, and you'd remember that," said Carol J. Boushey, a nutritional scientist at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, who was not involved in the study. "It's something that's in your head after a while."

Boushey, who is also a registered dietitian, said that cutting back on dairy products as a result of perceived lactose intolerance could have a negative health impact, including lower bone mass, higher blood pressure and colon cancer.

She recommends that people who think they are lactose intolerant try to drink small amounts of milk.

"You could drink a quarter cup of milk and see if you can handle it," she said. "But don't ever go over a cup. Every single person that I asked to do that came back and said you're right."

Three Genes Linked to Variations in Eye Color

Dutch researchers report that they've linked three genes to subtle variations in human eye color.

The researchers, led by Manfred Kayser of Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam, tried to link eye color in 6,000 Dutch people to their genetic makeup. Instead of looking at eye color in a general sense -- blue,

green, brown -- as in previous studies, the researchers focused on gradations, from the lightest blue to darkest brown, using high-resolution, whole-eye photos.

The study authors linked three genes to eye color. Only one had been linked to pigmentation before, and that was in mice and cows.

Health Tip: Sign Up Your Child for a Sport

Enrolling your child in a baseball, soccer or other sports league can ensure regular exercise, promote friendships and instill a sense of teamwork.

The Nemours Foundation offers these suggestions before you sign up your child for a team sport:

Consider how much time the sport will take away from family time, homework and relaxation.

Think about how sports participation will impact the rest of the family.

Make sure you work out any transportation and schedule issues, especially if you have more than one child playing sports.

Consider lending a hand to your child's sport. Volunteering can encourage your child to participate and help you spend quality time together.



Special Aruba friends honored at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort



Recently, at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort, Richard and Darlene Fasching were named Ambassador of Goodwill of Aruba. They were honored for their more than 20 visits to our island.

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they said enthusiastically.

During a small ceremony on their behalf, Aruba Tourism Authority liaison Ricardo Croes, in name of the government and people of Aruba, handed them their certificate of Goodwill Ambassadors, thanking them for their love and loyalty towards our island.

Photo shows Richard and Darlene Fasching proudly showing off their certificate acompanied by a Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort associate.



Playa Linda's Hardworking Moms enjoy a fun-filled night out Brenda Jacobs named "Mother of the Year"





Brenda Jacobs, Mother of The Year

Playa Linda Beach Resort treated all of its hardworking moms on a Mother's Day eve celebration of dinner, show and dancing at the Occidental Grand. The night out provided an opportunity to kickback and enjoy a well-deserved indulgence in the company of colleagues, and Playa Linda General Manager Jan van Nes and Financial Director Jan Leysner.

"After all their dedication they demonstrate year round, to both their families as well as to the resort guests, we wanted to demonstrate our appreciation with a Playa Linda's Mother's Day celebration that would be unforgettable," comments GM Jan van Nes.

The occasion of a sumptuous dinner and show at the Occidental perfectly fit the bill, with the evening ending in a dance partly thoroughly enjoyed by all the hardworking moms working at the Playa Linda. The event also featured a number of raffle prizes, along with the selection of the night's highest honor, Playa Linda's Mother of the Year. Brenda Jacobs, a mother of four children, with two currently studying in Holland, and two still at home, was the deserving recipient.





"My day started out terribly with two flat tires, but it ended great," she says with a wide smile.

While Brenda was proclaimed the "Mother of the Year," all of the mothers working at the Playa Linda are winners for their tremendous amount of heart they display on a daily basis both at home and at work



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A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated at around

150,000 to 210,000, with 114,465 inflatable kites sold that same year.

The sport is becoming safer due to innovations in kite design, safety release systems, and instructions. Riding styles have evolved to suit riders and conditions, such as wakestyle, waveriding, freestyle, freeride, jumping, and cruising.

Kitesurfing started on the island in 1998. Armando Wester, a professional windsurfer and certified instructor, and his buddies were the first ones to introduce Kitesurfing to the island of Aruba.

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Fla. teen bets to wear same shoes until graduation

LAND O'LAKES – Four years ago, a Tampa area high school freshman told his Spanish teacher he'd wear the same pair of sneakers every day until graduation. His toes stick out of the front and plastic bags encase the shoes on rainy days, but Ben Hedblom has made good on his

promise. His teacher may have to shave his head and eyebrows if Hedblom holds on until graduation next month.

Teacher Adrian Antonini left the school after the bet was made. In fact, he doesn't remember making it, but said he may shave his head.

Barrier-breaking jazz star Lena Horne dies at 92

NEW YORK (AP) — Lena Horne, the enchanting jazz singer and actress who reviled the bigotry that allowed her to entertain white audiences but not socialize with them, slowing her rise to Broadway superstardom, has died. She was 92.

Horne died Sunday at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, according to hospital spokeswoman Gloria Chin. Chin would not release any other details.

Horne, whose striking beauty and magnetic sex appeal often overshadowed her sultry voice, was remarkably candid about the underlying reason for her success.

"I was unique in that I was a kind of black that white people could accept," she once said. "I was their daydream. I had the worst kind of acceptance because it was never for how great I was or what I contributed. It was because of the way I looked."

In the 1940s, she was one of

the first black performers hired to sing with a major white band, the first to play the Copacabana nightclub and among a handful with a Hollywood contract.

In 1943, MGM Studios loaned her to 20th Century-Fox to play the role of Selina Rogers in the all-black movie musical "Stormy Weather." Her rendition of the title song became a major hit and her signature piece.

On screen, on records and in nightclubs and concert halls, Horne was at home vocally with a wide musical range, from blues and jazz to the sophistication of Rodgers and Hart in songs like "The Lady Is a Tramp" and "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered."

In her first big Broadway success, as the star of "Jamaica" in 1957, reviewer Richard Watts Jr. called her "one of the incomparable performers of our time." Songwriter Buddy de Sylva dubbed



her "the best female singer of songs."

But Horne was perpetually frustrated with the public humiliation of racism.

"I was always battling the system to try to get to be with my people. Finally, I wouldn't work for places that kept us out. ... It was a damn fight everywhere I was, every place I worked, in New York, in Hollywood, all over the world," she said in Brian Lanker's

book "I Dream a World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America."

Lena Mary Calhoun Horne, the great-granddaughter of a freed slave, was born in Brooklyn on June 30, 1917, to a leading family in the black bourgeoisie. Her daughter, Gail Lumet Buckley, wrote in her 1986 book "The Hornes: An American Family" that among their relatives was a college girlfriend of W.E.B. Du Bois and a black adviser to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dropping out of school at age 16 to support her ailing mother, Horne joined the chorus line at the Cotton Club, the fabled Harlem night spot where the entertainers were black and the clientele white.

She left the club in 1935 to tour with Noble Sissle's orchestra, billed as Helena Horne, the name she continued using when she joined Charlie Barnet's white orchestra in 1940.

Horne was only 2 when her

grandmother, a prominent member of the Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, enrolled her in the NAACP. But she avoided activism until 1945 when she was entertaining at an Army base and saw German prisoners of war sitting up front while black American soldiers were consigned to the rear.

That pivotal moment channeled her anger into something useful.

She got involved in various social and political organizations and — along with her friendship with Paul Robeson — got her name onto blacklists during the red-hunting McCarthy era.

By the 1960s, Horne was one of the most visible celebrities in the civil rights movement.

"I wouldn't trade my life for anything," she said once, "because being black made me understand"

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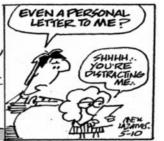




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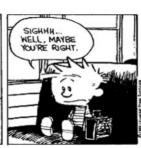




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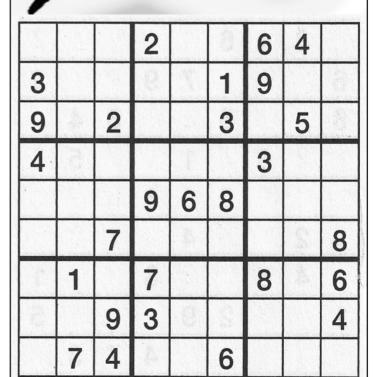
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Obama aide: GM, Chrysler moving in right direction

EAST LANSING, Michigan (AP) – A key figure in the government's efforts to help the auto and manufacturing industries said yesterday that General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC are moving in the right direction but remain works in progress.

Ron Bloom, President Obama's senior counselor for manufacturing policy, said he is hopeful that there will be a public offering of GM stock in the fourth quarter of this year. But he also said the companies have challenges in their fight for long-term viability.

"We have to remember a year ago how deep the hole was," Bloom said during a meeting with reporters at Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow's office in East Lansing. Bloom later gave a speech at a Michigan Manufacturers Association event in Lansing.

Michigan has been losing auto and manufacturing jobs for years and has had the nation's highest unemployment rate for the last four, topping 14 percent this year.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm said yesterday that the assistance from the federal government was a "lifeline" to the auto industry. The industry was one of the biggest casualties of a recession fueled by risky lending and speculative trading practices of major financial institutions. But there are signs of improvement.

Trillion-dollar euro rescue won't solve low growth

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)

-A \$1 trillion rescue for the euro has halted market panic in its tracks for now

— but may not be enough to save the shared currency in the end.

After weeks of dithering, the European Union finally put serious money on the table to prevent its government debt crisis from mushrooming — and sinking the euro, stocks and the global recovery.

But the EU still needs to find ways to keep its member governments from spending their way to bankrupty—and disastrously handing the others the bill, as Greece did to start the crisis.

And ultimately it needs to get its sluggish economy going if it wants to end the threat to its cherished currency union.

After frantic talks lasting into the early hours of yesterday, European officials agreed the 16 countries that use the euro would put up some euro440 billion in loans, with the EU adding euro60 billion and the International Monetary Fund some euro250 billion. The European Commission would raise the money in capital markets, using guarantees from member governents, and lend it to crisis stricken countries so they can pay their bills.

Many questions were not answered, such as how the money would be dispensed and on what terms.

European stocks rose and the euro bounced back from 14-month lows around \$1.25 on Friday to over \$1.30 yesterday, reversing the ominous slides and sense of panic from last week. Amid concerns the crisis would freeze banks with fear and stall the European and global economies by choking off credit to business, President Barack Obama discussed the crisis by phone with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozv ahead of a eurozone finance minister's meeting.

A weaker euro and financial and economic disaster in Europe would hurt U.S. exports just as Obama is trying to promote them. The the U.S. Federal Reserve pitched in by making dollars available for the European Central Bank to loan to shaken European banks.

Analysts warned, however, that the emergency bailout fund would do nothing to reverse Europe's soaring public debt—and could even worsen it.

"The last thing you give a drunk is another drink," said Jeremy Batstone-Carr of Charles Stanley stockbrokers.



"The process of providing a bridging facility for Greece and possibly other indebted nations will add significantly to regional debt and deficit ratios without actually solving the underlying problem."

The core problem is low — or near zero — economic growth, high unemployment and governments unwilling to take painful steps to hike competition or get people to work more and longer.

Even the EU's president warned that the region risks irrelevance and the end of its expensive welfare programs if it can't speed up its economy which is forecast to expand by just 1 percent this year.

"With 1 percent growth we can't finance our social model any more, with 1 percent structural growth we can't play a role in the world," Herman Van Rompuy told the World Economic Forum in Brussels. "We need to double the economic growth potential that we now have "

But instead of spending heavily to stoke growth, eurozone governments are promising to curb their debt levels. Daniel Gros of the Center for European Policy Studies warned that too much debt reduction too fast can kill economic growth by withdrawing government stimulus from the economy — "so the patient is dead before he can get up and walk."

More loans will mean more interest payments on loans. Greece will pay some 5 percent interest on euro110 billion in short-term loans offered by the EU and the International Monetary Fund — close to rates that Greek political leaders complain will cripple their debt reduction efforts.

Jennifer McKeown, senior European economist at Capital Economics, said that the package won't stop euro economies like Greece, Portugal and Spain from suffering "a long period of extreme economic weakness" and won't erase fears of a default or breakup of the euro project.

"We still see the euro weakening further to around \$1.20 by the end of this year," she said.

Others took fright at the prospect of EU policymakers stepping away from the strict rules that underpin the euro. Marc Ostwald, a market strategist at Monument Securities, said the rewriting of the rule book "in just a couple of hours" could foreshadow "a lot more in the way of absolute risk priced into government bond yields."

Others were worried by the European Central Bank agreeing to buy government bonds — key support for Greece and Portugal, but raising suggestions that the bank caved into political pressure.

"It will be hard not to see this as a loss of credibility and independence for the ECB," said Marco Annunziata, chief economist at UniCredit Group. Commerzbank economist Michael Schubert said it was "a transgression" that would increase the risk of "careless management of finances" by other eurozone nations who know there's a bailout if they overspend.

Dutch bank NIBC said in a research note that the only long-term solution for countries like Greece was an eventual debt restructuring — the polite term for a technical default, with lenders unlikely to receive anywere close to the full value of their loans to the government.

Van Rompuy called on European leaders to show "political courage" and push through changes to make Europeans work harder and work for longer. "It needs some sacrifices but it is worthwhile in the longer term," he said. "We have to focus on the longer term to keep the European way of life feasible."

He called for a radical overhaul of the way that European governments handle their economies, saying that they needed to consider pooling their national powers and create a joint economic government.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer EXPERIENCE

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Spain: king recovering from surgery



King Juan Carlos of Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) – Doctors say Spain's King Juan Carlos is recovering well from surgery during which a benign tumor was removed from his right lung.

A statement issued by Avelino Barros Caballero, head of the palace's medical team, said doctors carrying out a routine checkup on April 26 and 27 found what was described as "calcification" at the top of the king's right lung.

Hospital Clinic in Barcelona says the 72-year-old monarch's recovery from Saturday's operation is proceeding in a "totally satisfactory"

A statement issued last night says the king got out of bed for a while and walked for a few minutes earlier in the

The king has a history of heavy smoking, but the Royal Palace will not say if he has stopped.

The king's former addiction to tobacco had been an important factor in deciding to investigate the growth through surgery. The nodule had been growing and "capturing glucose" so it was necessary to examine the growth.

Surgery was directed by doctor Molins. He said the king would not need any postoperation medical treatment on

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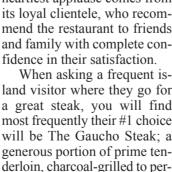
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The Road to 2010 FIFA World CUP

No major shocks in Japan squad



Japan have announced their 23-man squad for the 2010 FIFA World CupTM with former Portsmouth goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi the only surprise call-up by coach Takeshi Okada. The 34-year-old Jubilo Iwata custodian has not featured for the national team in 18 months due to a number of lacklustre performances after recovering from a broken leg.

However, Okada has decided to include him in his squad along with fellow goal-keepers Seigo Narazaki of Nagoya Grampus and Eiji Kawashima of Kawasaki Frontale. "He can be in a difficult position as third goal-keeper," Okada said of Kawaguchi. "But he has a strong leadership and we need his presence for us to compete through this coming tournament."

Japan open against Cameroon in South Africa on 14 June before then playing the Netherlands and Denmark and coach Okada is unwavering in his belief that they can reach the semi-finals.

"I had a hard time making up my mind regarding al areas of the team, but I selected those players in order to win and achieve our objective," he said. "I haven't changed the objective. In order to make that come true, however, we first have to get through the group stage and our first match against Cameroon will be the most important to us. With those 23 players, I believe that we can achieve our objective."

Japan squad: Seigo Narazaki (Nagoya Grampus), Eiji Kawashima (Kawasaki Frontale), Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi (Jubilo Iwata); Yuji Nakazawa (Yokohama F. Marinos), Marcus Tulio Tanaka (Nagoya Grampus), Yuichi Komano (Jubilo Iwamasa Iwata), Daiki (Kashima Antlers), Yasuyuki Konno (FC Tokyo), Yuto Nagatomo (FC Tokyo), Atsuto Uchida (Kashima Antlers); Shunsuke Nakamura (Yokohama F. Marinos), Junichi Inamoto (Kawasaki Frontale), Yasuhito Endo (Gamba Osaka), Kengo Nakamura (Kawasaki Frontale), Daisuke Matsui (Grenoble), Yuki Abe Reds), (Urawa Makoto Hasebe (Wolfsburg), Keisuke Honda (CSKA Moscow); Keiji Tamada (Nagoya Grampus), Yoshito Okubo (Vissel Kobe), Kisho Yano (Albirex Niigata), Shinji Okazaki (Shimizu S-Pulse), Takayuki Morimoto (Catania).

South Africa police rooting against US team



South African police hopes that the U.S. team will not pass group stage of World CupGeneral of South African Police, Bheki Cele, expressed today his hope that the team of the United States will not pass the group stage of World Cup 2010, and so prevent the visit of U.S. president Barack Obama to South Africa.

Speaking in parliament on security problems in the organization of 2010 World Cup, Bheki Cele said that Obama probably will arrive in South Africa if the U.S. team pass a group stage of World Cup.

All our prayers are now focused on the fact that Americans do not arrive in the second phase, but to be eliminated in the first phase and go home - said Bheki Cele, arguing that securing Obama would be very difficult task, given that all available forces already are engaged in maintaining order.

"For now, it is announced that in South Africa during the FIFA World Cup will arrive chiefs of 43 countries, but securing Obama will be equal operation as securing those 43 head of states", sad

Injured trio make Spain squad



Spain coach Vicente del Bosque has picked injured stars Andreas Iniesta, Fernando Torres and Cesc Fabregas in his provisional 30-man squad for this summer's 2010 FIFA World CupTM in South Africa.

Îniesta and Barcelona team-mate Xavi have both been injured but the latter has recently been back in the Nou Camp club's side.

Fabregas missed the runin to Arsenal's season and Torres has also been on the sidelines for Liverpool.

Del Bosque has included five goalkeepers in the list, with uncapped duo Victor Valdes of Barcelona and Atletico Madrid youngster David De Gea joining Iker Casillas, Jose Reina and Diego Lopez.

Aside from the players who have featured regularly for the European champions in recent times, Del Bosque has also named Barca winger Pedro Rodriguez, Osasuna defender Cesar Azpilicueta and Athletic Bilbao midfielder Javi Martinez in the list.

However, there is no place for the likes of Bojan Krkic or Albert Riera.

Spain squad

Goalkeepers: Iker Casillas (Real Madrid), David De Gea (Atletico Madrid), Diego Lopez (Villarreal), Jose Reina (Liverpool) Victor Valdes (Barcelona).

Defenders: Raul Albiol (Real Madrid), Alvaro Arbeloa (Real Madrid) Cesar Azpilicueta (Osasuna), Joan Capdevila (Villarreal), Carlos Marchena (Valencia), Gerard Pique (Barcelona), Carles Puyol (Barcelona), Sergio Ramos (Real Madrid).

Midfielders: Xabi Alonso (Real Madrid), Sergi Busquets (Barcelona), Cesc Fabregas (Arsenal), Andres Iniesta (Barcelona), Javi Martinez (Athletic Bilbao) Marcos Senna (Villarreal), David Silva (Valencia), Xavi (Barcelona).

Forwards: Santi Cazorla (Villarreal), Jesus Navas (Sevilla), Juan Manuel Mata (Valencia) Pedro Rodriguez (Barcelona), Dani Guiza (Fenerbache) Fernando Llorente (Athletic Bilbao), Alvaro Negredo (Sevilla), Fernando Torres (Liverpool FC) and David Villa (Valencia).

Group A

South Africa Mexico Uruguay France

Group E

Netherlands Denmark Japan Cameroon

Group B

Argentina Nigeria Korea Republic Greece

Group F

Italy Paraguay New Zealand Slovakia

Group C

England USA Algeria Slovenia

Group G

Brazil Korea DPR Côte d'Ivoire Portugal

Group D

Germany Australia Serbia Ghana

Group H

Spain Switzerland Honduras Chile

Did you Know

There will be 32 teams at the 2010 FIFA World Cup South AfricaTM, with Uruguay having clinched the 32nd and final place.

The FIFA World Cup was expanded to 32 teams in 1998. The first tournament, which took place in Uruguay in 1930, featured 13 teams in four groups. The hosts emerged victorious, beating Argentina 4-2 in the final.



Suns sweep Spurs to reach West finals



SAN ANTONIO -- Steve Nash's right eye was swollen shut. He had six stitches beneath a bandage on his eyebrow, while the purplish lump was darkening another shade.

And that fourth quarter?
"I couldn't see anything,"
Nash said.

One good eye was plenty. Nash scored 10 of his 20 points while his eye gradually shut more and more in the fourth, and the Phoenix Suns swept the San Antonio Spurs from the Western Conference semifinals with a 107-101 win Sunday night. It was long-awaited redemption for the Suns, who had been booted from the playoff by the Spurs four times since 2003.

"That was ugly," Suns forward Channing Frye said walking off the court.

He wasn't talking about Nash's eye, though it would've fit. Nash was accidentally struck by one of Tim Duncan's elbows in the third quarter and briefly went to the locker room.

Nash came back with an ice pack on his eye when he finally returned to the court.

Even then, it wasn't back into the game right away - first he lay on the court with the ice still on his head.

"He looked like Ray 'Boom Boom' Mancini,"' Suns forward Grant Hill said. "It forced him to focus 'cuz he was shooting out of one eye."

It was reminiscent of the 2007 West semifinals, when Nash had his nose sliced open when he and Tony Parker collided head-to-head in Game 1. The gash in Nash's nose bled profusely, and the Suns went on to lose the series.

Not this time.

"Obviously I'm very sad and very mad that we lost, but at the same time I'm happy for Nash and (Amare) Stoudemire," Parker said. "Because every year they played hard against us and it never went their way. This year, it went their way."

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Stoudemire led the Suns with 29 points. He is the only Suns player who was on each of those Spurs-ousted teams over the last seven years, but rather than rejoice, Stoudemire coolly walked off the court.

The Suns still have work to do.

They'll either play the Los Angeles Lakers or the Utah Jazz in the West finals. The Lakers lead that series 3-0, and no team in NBA playoff history has ever come back from that deficit to win.

The Suns are keeping one of the more remarkable stories of the playoffs going. Three months after Phoenix was on the brink of trading Stoudemire and calling it a season, the Suns are returning to the West finals for the first time since 2006.

General manager Steve Kerr has said it would've taken an offer "really good for us to break up the team," and good thing it never came along.

Phoenix sealed its third trip to the West finals since 2005, and gets another crack at returning to the NBA finals for the first time since 1993.

Parker scored 22 points to lead the Spurs, who were swept out of the playoffs for the first time since 2001.



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NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (THRILLER): A GROUP OF SUB-URBAN TEENAGES SHARE ONE COMMON BOND; THEY ARE ALL BEING STALKED BY FREDDY KRUEGER, A HORRIBLY DISFIGURED KILLER WHO HUNTS THEM IN THEIR DREAMS. AS LONG AS THEY STAY AWAKE, THEY CAN PROTECT ONE ANOTHER... BUT WHEN THEY SLEEP, THERE IS NO ESCAPE.

SEMIFINALS



WESTERN CONF.

PHOENIX VS. SAN ANTONIO (PHOENIX WINS 4-0) UTAH VS. L.A. LAKERS (LAKERS LEASD 3-0)

EASTERN CONF.

CLEVELAND VS. BOSTON (SERIES TIED 2-2)
ATLANTA VS. ORLANDO 9 (ORLANDO LEADS 3-0)

Serena wins in 3 hours, 26 minutes in Madrid



Serena celebrates

MADRID (AP)—Serena Williams won the longest match of her career, playing 3 hours, 26 minutes in defeating Vera Dushevina of Russia 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5) to reach the third round of the Madrid Masters.

looked set to close the match when she broke serve to go 5-2 up, but squandered the lead and then trailed 4-0 in the decisive tiebreaker. She saved a match point before going on to win.

"I definitely feel really The top-seeded American proud because I definitely wasn't playing my best tennis and I was far off playing well," she said. "Also, at that point I wasn't going to lose. After three hours, I'd better win."

Williams left the court for treatment when ahead 3-2 in the third set. She returned with a strapped right thigh and does not yet know the extent of the injury.

Williams wasted three set points in the first and then faced a match point on her serve when trailing 6-5 in the second, but held on despite a slew of unforced errors.

In another second-round match, Francesca Schiavone beat Sybille Bammer 6-2, 6-

In the first round, Peng Shuai advanced when 10thseeded Victoria Azarenka retired while trailing 3-0. Other seeded winners were No. 8 Samantha Stosur, No. 14 Flavia Pennetta and No. 16 Nadia Petrova.

In the men's first round, 12th-seeded Gael Monfils of France beat compatriot Stephane Robert 6-2, 7-5. Qualifier Oleksandr Dolgopolov Jr. of Ukraine downed Andrea Seppi of Italy 6-3, 6-4 and will meet Rafael Nadal in the second round. Austria's Jurgen Melzer topped South African qualifier Kevin Anderson 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to set up a meeting with David Nalbandian or Tomas Berdych.



Bengals make it official, sign Adam "Pacman" Jones

The Cincinnati Bengals made it official, signing veteran cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones to a two-year contract.

The Bengals announced the deal today.

And he won't be conducting interviews today, according to the Bengals.

He'll be with the team for its first offseason practice Tuesday and is expected to comment then.

Jones ran into trouble several times with the Tennessee Titans and the Dallas Cow-

He was suspended by the NFL for the 2007 season and was traded to Dallas in 2008, playing in nine games. He was waived by the Cowboys in February of 2009 following a suspension for an altercation with a bodyguard and was out of football last year.

Jones has played in 39 career games with 32 starts. He has registered 151 tackles with four INTs and 33 total passes defensed, and he also has been a standout kick returner.

He has a 9.6-yard average on 84 punt returns, with four touchdowns, and a 25.8-yard avg. on 70 kickoff returns.

He's expected to be the fourth cornerback in Cincinnati, provided that he keeps himself free of future problems. Jones hasn't been in trouble in the past few years, so perhaps he has learned his lesson the hard way.

Talks to begin again for Pacquiao-Mayweather

NEW YORK (AP) - Manny Pacquiao may soon turn his attention from campaigning for Congress to negotiating the details on the richest fight in boxing history.

Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach, told The Associated Press on Monday that discussions could begin as early as Tuesday for a bout against Floyd Mayweather Jr., once results are in from the Philippine elections. Pacquiao is running for Congress for the second time.

The matchup involving boxing's two most high-profile fighters was discussed at length earlier this year, but negotiations fell apart when the sides could not agree on drug testing protocol.

Both took different fights, with Pacquiao soundly beating Joshua Clottey at the new Cowboys Stadium near Dallas, and Mayweather routing



welterweight champion Shane Mosley in Las Vegas.

"I think the fight will happen, " said Koach, who was in New York with another of his fighters, Amir Khan, who defends his junior welterweight title against Paulie Malignaggi on Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

"It will probably be November, maybe October," Roach added. "November's not a great pay-per-view month, but I think it will hap-



pen."

Roach wouldn't say whether Pacquiao would budge on the drug testing dilemma. Mayweather has said that every fight he takes, beginning with Mosley, will include Olympic-style blood testing along with the typical urine tests required by most athletic commissions. That means the fighters could have blood drawn in the days leading up to the fight.

Pacquiao believes giving blood makes him weak and refused to do so within 24 days of a fight.

"If Manny Pacquiao can take a blood and urine test then we have a fight," Mayweather said shortly after his victory May 1. "If not, no fight.'

Both fighters months ago agreed to what is usually the major sticking point in negotiations with a deal to split the proceeds evenly. That may not happen the second time around, though, depending on how the pay-per-view numbers shake out from their other bouts. Pacquiao-Clottey generated about 700,000 buys while Mayweather-Mosley is expected to be over 1.1 million.

That could give some additional leverage to Mayweather, even though his opponent was much better known. Other than the stadium venue, Pacquiao was the only real draw in his bout.

One thing that won't become an issue is Pacquiao's potential duties in Congress.

"When he fights they close down Parliament and all the terrorists call for a peace," Roach said, only half jokingly. "It's not going to change anything. They'll just announce him as Congressman Manny Pacquiao, that's all."

Roach said early returns show Pacquiao "winning in a landslide" against 61-yearold Roy Chiongbian, who comes from a politically powerful family.

"He wants change," Roach said of Pacquiao, who lost decisively in his first attempt at politics. "I think it's genuine. People see that he wants to help his country, and that's why they're voting. That's why they support him."



Aquino leads Philippine race on promise of change

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MANILA, Philippines (AP)

– The son of Philippine democracy icons took an early, commanding lead in presidential polls on a promise to begin prosecuting corrupt officials within weeks to restore credibility to the country's graft-ridden government agencies.

Despite computerized counting machine glitches and violence that claimed at least nine lives, election officials hailed the vote as a success in a country where poll fraud allegations have marred previous contests.

Sen. Benigno Aquino III whose father was assassinated while opposing a dictatorship and whose mother led the "people power" revolt that restored freedoms was leading the nine-candidate presidential race with 40.58 percent of the votes from about 57 percent of the precincts, while his closest rival, ousted President Joseph Estrada, had 25.72 percent.

There is no runoff in the Philippines and whoever has the most votes is declared winner.

Aquino's sudden political rise bolstered hopes among his supporters for a clean



Sen. Benigno Aquino III

leadership after nine years of a scandal-tainted administration that was rocked by coup attempts and protests.

He campaigned on a strong anti-graft platform, promised to start prosecuting corrupt officials within weeks of his election and restore integrity to Congress and the judiciary.

It was only after former President Corazon Aquino died of cancer last August that her son, a quiet 50-yearold lawmaker and bachelor, decided to run, spurred by the massive outpouring of national grief for the leader who ousted longtime dictator Ferdinand Marcos in the 1986 "people power" revolt and restored democracy to the Philippines.

Aquino's closest political lieutenant, former Education Secretary Florencio Abad, said he rode on the crest of a national yearning for an honest leader after corruption scandals under outgoing President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

"This means he really has to deal with the problem of corruption and deal with the people identified with nine years of corruption," Abad told The Associated Press.

"The other thing that he needs to do is to translate the dividends of good governance into direct benefits for the poor — education, health, food, lower prices, jobs, basic services," he said.

Some of Aquino's nents carried the taint of scandal, all too common in the Philippines. The popularity ratings of Sen. Manny Villar, a real estate developer-turned-politician who was neck-and-neck with Aquino in early surveys, plunged after rivals accused him of using his position to enrich himself and avoid a Senate ethics probe.

Computer problems and campaign-related violence, which has killed more than 30 people in the past three months and an additional nine on election day, were the main concerns in the voting, which officials hope will set a new standard for the coun-

try's fragile democracy.

Turnout was 75 percent among about 50 million eligible voters, the Elections Commission said.

For the first time, optical scanning machines counted the votes in 76,000 precincts. A software glitch discovered a week ago nearly derailed the vote. Still, some machines malfunctioned in the tropical humidity, including in Aquino's hometown of Tarlac, north of Manila, where the senator had to wait nearly five hours to cast his ballot.

The country's next leader will have no easy task. He will face multiple insurgencies. Muslim rebels and al-Qaida-linked militants have long staged terrorist attacks and hostage raids in the south, where U.S. troops have been training Filipino soldiers.